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California Witness Relocation and Assistance Program
Reimbursements
Stanislaus County District Attorney's Office



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Office of Program Review and Audits

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON APPLYING
AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES**

TO: Chief Deputy Attorney General

We have performed procedures, which were agreed upon by the Department of Justice (DOJ), the California Witness Relocation and Assistance Program (CAL WRAP) and the Office of Program Review and Audits (OPRA), solely to assist the CAL WRAP in evaluating the Stanislaus County District Attorney's Office (SCDAO) assertions that they have followed the policies and procedures of the CAL WRAP and have claimed only reimbursable costs for the period July 1, 2004 to September 30, 2008.

Procedures were performed to verify that the SCDAO:

1. Implemented the program in a manner consistent with the CAL WRAP guidelines.
2. Claimed costs that were reasonable and allowable for reimbursement with the CAL WRAP guidelines.
3. Claimed costs that were supported by source documents (cash receipts, rental receipts, rental agreements, invoices, payroll registers, time sheets and/or other relevant documents).
4. Returned or credited rental and utilities deposit(s) to the CAL WRAP when a case was closed or terminated, or the witness moved to a different location.
5. Claimed per diem costs consistent with the rates allowable with the CAL WRAP guidelines.
6. Complied with the 25-percent match required of all expenditures incurred on or after January 1, 2008, unless the CAL WRAP waived the required local match.
7. Returned unused funds to the CAL WRAP for closed or terminated cases.

We have applied the procedures in accordance with attestation standards established by the International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing. The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of the specified users of the report. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose. In performing the agreed-upon procedures, certain matters came to our attentions that are reported in the Findings and Recommendations section of this report.

We were not engaged to nor did we perform an examination, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

This report is intended solely for use by the CAL WRAP and should not be used by those who have not agreed to the procedures and taken responsibility for the sufficiency of the procedures for their purposes.

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Director
Office of Program Review and Audits
February 18, 2009

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FINDINGS and RECOMMENDATIONS

Finding 1

The SCDAO was unable to substantiate the following lodging expenses that were claimed for reimbursement with the CAL WRAP:

Case #	Category of Expense	Period	Amount
	Semi-Perm Lodging		\$ 13,300
	Semi-Perm Lodging		20,050
Total			\$ 33,350

The OPRA has requested supporting documents for these expenses but, to date, has not received the documentation to support the expenses.

Criteria

The CAL WRAP Policy and Procedures Manual states, "Agencies are responsible for reporting actual costs (as well as maintaining their original receipts associated with the case), submitted for reimbursement to CAL WRAP."

Recommendation

The CAL WRAP should request that the SCDAO substantiate lodging expenses totaling \$33,350 by providing supporting documentation to justify these costs. If the SCDAO fails to provide supporting documentation, the CAL WRAP should require the SCDAO to return \$33,350 to the program.

Division Comments

The response of the Chief of the Bureau of Investigation and Intelligence, Division of Law Enforcement, is as follows:

On September 21, 2009, program received and accepted declarations for unsupported lodging expenses

Finding 2

Based on actual receipts or other documentation, the following were duplicate utilities costs claimed for reimbursement by the SCDAO:

Case #	Category of Expense	Period	Amount
	Utilities		\$ 263.38
	Utilities		91.03
Total			\$ 354.41

Criteria

The CAL WRAP Policy and Procedures Manual states, "Agencies are responsible for reporting actual costs (as well as maintaining their original receipts associated with the case), submitted for reimbursement to CAL WRAP."

Recommendation

The CAL WRAP should require that the SCDAO return \$354.41 to the program.

Division Comments

The response of the Chief of the Bureau of Investigation and Intelligence, Division of Law Enforcement, is as follows:

The CAL WRAP has requested repayment of \$354.41 from the SCDAO for duplicate utility costs.